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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY LEASES

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1. THE AMBASSADOR IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS HAS RAISED REPEATEDLY WITH CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND WITH PRINCE SAUD BIN FAISAL, SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND WITH HIS DEPUTY SHAIKH MOHAMMED MAS'UD, THE QUESTION OF RENEWING THE LEASES FOR THE EMBASSY COMPOUND AND THAT OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN DHAHRAN. WITH RISING LAND VALUES (FUELED BY SPECULATION) THE VALUE OF EMBASSY LAND IN JIDDA AND DHAHRAN - TOTALING ABOUT 500,000 SQUARE METERS - IS WELL OVER \$150 MILLION. THE AMBASSADOR HAS MAINTAINED THAT OUR LEASE EXTENSIONS ARE AUTOMATIC; THE SAUDIS HAVE SAID THEY ARE NOT.

2. PRINCE FAHD IN AN EARLIER LESS STORMY MEETING THAN THE ONE REFERRED TO ON JUNE 15 (REFTEL) SAID HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE MATTER. A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED OF OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, AND THE INTERIOR TO STUDY THE MATTER. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MAS'UD TOLD THE AMBASSADOR A WEEK AGO THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED WITH THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION, BUT HE WOULD GIVE NO DETAILS. THE LEGAL COUNSELOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE SAG MIGHT OFFER THE LAND AT THE SAME RATE PUBLIC LAND IS GIVEN TO WELL KNOWN PUBLIC INDIVIDUALS (PRINCES AND THE LIKE), I.E. 20 RIYALS A METER.

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3. COMMENT: IF THE LAND IS INDEED OFFERED TO US AT THE
PRICE OF TEN MILLION RIYALS OR THREE MILLION DOLLARS, WE
HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ACCORD THE PROPOSAL INSTANTANEOUS
ACCEPTANCE. WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE HOWEVER THAT NO RPT NO
OFFER HAS BEEN MADE AND IF THE PRESENT BITTERNESS OF PRINCE
FAHD LASTS, WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT ONE EVER WILL BE.
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